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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Carl S. Miller. (3) _____
(2) John Mortimer. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 02 August 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Japan ('141) and Kessler.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Sustance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to, if any agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant argued that Japan ('141) could not anticipate or make obvious the claims because the valve (20) in Japan never closes completely as required by Claim 1. The comments made by the applicant in his response to the attorney seemed to indicate this fact, but the examiner noted that an actual translation of the document would be required in order to determine if this was the case. The examiner stated that any new rejection not precipitated by amendment would be made non-final.